

## LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

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Present: Councillor R.R. Thomas (Chair); Councillor H.M. Payne (Vice-Chair); Councillors A. Asbrey, W. Gilligan, R. Godfrey, E.J. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, N.P. Hodges, J. Lynch-Wilson, N. Marshallsea, J.M. Norman and E. Penn

Co-Opted Members: M. Price (Roman Catholic Church), L. Barrowclough (Parent Governor – Primary Sector), G. van der Burgt (Parent Governor – Secondary Sector), R. Goodjohn and A. Emmerson (Vale Youth Forum); J. Clemett and T. Williams (Vale Youth Council).

Also present: Councillors R.M. Birch (Cabinet Member for Education, Arts and the Welsh Language), L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), E. Goodjohn, G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson, E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

The Chair, with the approval of the Committee, advised that the urgent item, Agenda Item No. 11(a) – Industrial Action Pencoedtre High School, would be dealt with as the first item of business on the agenda and that the remaining items of business would not be dealt with in the order of the published agenda.

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from R. Morteo (Church in Wales).

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor E.J. Goodjohn declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 7 – Youth Service Update 2022-2023, as Mother of Rhys Goodjohn (Co-opted Member of the Committee), who was also a member of both the Vale Youth Council and Vale Youth Forum.

R. Goodjohn (Co-Opted Member) declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 7 – Youth Service Update 2022-23 and Agenda Item 8 – Youth Engagement and Progression update – as he was a member of both the Vale Youth Council and Vale Youth Forum.

MATTER WHICH THE CHAIR HAD DECIDED WAS URGENT –

RESOLVED – T H A T the following matter which the Chair had decided was urgent for the reason given beneath the minute heading be considered.

AGENDA ITEM 4. INDUSTRIAL ACTION PENCOEDTRE HIGH SCHOOL (DLS) –  
**(Matter which the Chair has decided is urgent by need of updating Members on industrial action at Pencoedtre High school)**

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the action being taken to resolve the industrial dispute at Pencoedtre High School, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Committee considers a visit to Pencoedtre High School.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE 2022-2023 (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made by the Youth Service in the last 12 months and the ongoing developments and achievements of the service, be noted.
- (2) T H A T a further progress update report in October 2024 regarding delivery, awareness of grants and potential risks post March 2025, be received by Committee.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To further update Committee on the Work of the Youth Service in the year to October 2024

AGENDA ITEM 6. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRESSION UPDATE (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progress made in the last 14 months of the continued implementation of the Youth Engagement and Progression Framework to reduce the number of young people classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in the Vale of Glamorgan, be noted.

(2) T H A T a further progress update report be received by Committee, in July 2024.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) In order to move the annual feedback to a more pertinent time in the annual cycle, as this is a timelier update following the official destination release in April each year.

AGENDA ITEM 7. EDUCATION OTHER THAN AT SCHOOL (EOTAS) AND PUPIL ENGAGEMENT SERVICE (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the progression made by the Pupil Engagement service and the ongoing developments, opportunities, and risks for Education Other Than at School (EOTAS) learners within the Local Authority, be noted.

(2) T H A T a further progress update report regarding updated information (based on the EOTAS return for Welsh Government) and the impact of learning for those in EOTAS settings, be received by Committee in July 2024.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) In order to further update Committee on the work with EOTAS learners and the Pupil Engagement Service in the period to July 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 8. DRAFT TRANSGENDER INCLUSION TOOLKIT AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR SCHOOLS AND OTHER SETTINGS (DLS) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the content of the consultation responses, the revised Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings (“the Toolkit”); and the Equalities Impact Assessment, be noted with any recommendations being referred to Cabinet for consideration.
- (2) T H A T the report and appendices be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for their consideration and comment, with any recommendations being referred back to Cabinet.
- (3) T H A T Committee accepts that the report and appendices be considered by the Corporate Parenting Panel, and any comments be referred back to Cabinet.\*
- (4) T H A T having regard to the above, the latest version of the Toolkit be endorsed by Committee.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and appendices, and to discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order to make the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet aware of the content of the item, and the views of this Committee.
- (3) In order for Cabinet to receive any comments.
- (4) Having regard to the content of the report and appendices, and to discussions at the meeting, and to reflect the Committee’s endorsement of the latest Draft Transgender Inclusion Toolkit and Guidance Document for Schools and Other Settings.

**NB:** \* It being noted that the report had already been considered by the Corporate Parenting Panel on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, where the report and appendices had been noted.

AGENDA ITEM 9. DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2024-25 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the reference, report and Draft Annual Delivery Plan be noted.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the reference, report and Draft Annual Delivery Plan, and to discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES ANNUAL PLACEMENTS REVIEW (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T this item be deferred to the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 11. 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2023/24 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2023/24 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A and B be agreed.
- (2) T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2023/24 attached at Appendix C be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.
- (2) For public information.